10th Anniversary of Rosshall Disc Golf Course Discover Disc Golf Day



Rosshall Disc Golf Course was installed in Rosshall Park in 2013. It was the first free-to-play public park disc golf course in Scotland. We wanted to celebrate its 10 year anniversary and use the event as an opportunity to enable more people to discover the sport of disc golf.

The course was originally installed by a company in the North of England, however it had become neglected and very overgrown. In 2022 a new player, Nic Gordon, had used the course at Rosshall while learing the game. He wanted to contribute to making improvements to the course so lead moves to get the course into a playable state. With lots of hard work, the support of the Glasgow Disc Golf Club, Glasgow City Council and help from other local players, the course is now suitable for players of all levels.

10th ANNIVERSARY

For the 10th anniversary the plan was to have an open day and invite people who have never played disc golf before to try it out.

With the help and support of the Friends of Rosshall Park, the Glasgow Disc Golf Club arranged for experienced players to provide some basic coaching, before guiding the new players around the 9-hole course.



PROMOTION

Posters were put up around Rosshall Park in order to attract local residents and visitors to the park.

Social media was used to promote the event more widely and the Friends of Rosshall group used their extensive connections to inform and engage with schools, groups and organisations.





THE EVENT

We were delighted to have a dry day to introduce the game of disc golf to new people. A base was set-up so that the new players could be given some background information and sign-up to a mailing list so that they could be told about future events.

The Friends of Rosshall Park secured funding from the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Area Budget Grant (Ward 4) for a commemorative disc to be given away to new players.



Disc design by Nic Gordon.





SUPPORT FROM LOCAL MP CHRIS STEPHENS

Chris Stephens MP was delighted to support the event and tabled an Early Day Motion at the House of Commons.

Chris came down to the event to present a copy of the Early Day Motion and to try his hand at throwing some discs. He did well.



Chris Stephens MP presents the Early Day Motion to representatives of the Glasgow Disc Golf Club. (L-R David Green, Chris Stephens, Nic Gordon, Paul Molloy)





Early Day Motion 1566 Rosshall Disc Golf Course 10th Anniversary

> Tabled by Chris Stephens MP 4 September 2023

That this House congratulates Rosshall Disc Golf Course on its 10th anniversary; understands that Glasgow Disc Golf Club in partnership with Friends of Rosshall Park will be putting on an event in the park on Saturday 28 October where anyone will be able to try the game of disc golf, further understands that coaching on the basics of the game will be provided by local players and that discs will be supplied; notes that the sport of disc golf has seen huge growth in recent years and that Glasgow is the only city in the UK to benefit from four free-to-play disc golf courses, with a fifth currently in development; observes that while the course in Rosshall Park had become somewhat neglected, new players brought their enthusiasm and hard work to ensure that the course at Rosshall Park is one of the courses that make up the Quaich Tour, which will see a national champion emerge at the end of the season; and recognises fundraising by local players, which helped Scottish players Rachel Turton and Chris Smith to travel to Estonia in August to take part in the European Disc Golf Championships.

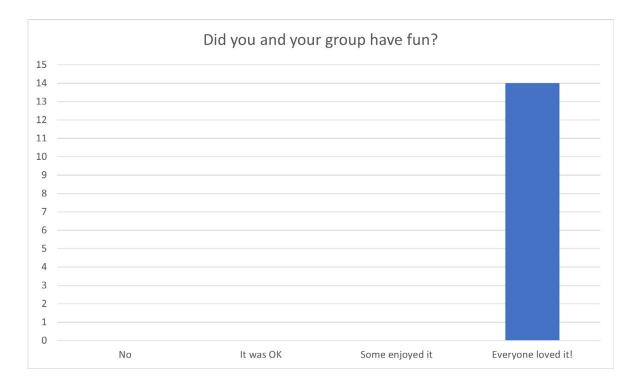
What is an Early Day Motion?

An Early Day Motion (EDM) are motions submitted for debate in the House of Commons for which no day has been fixed. As there is no specific time allocated to EDMs very few are debated. However, many attract a great deal of public interest and media coverage. EDMs are used to put on record the views of individual MPs or to draw attention to specific events or campaigns.

FEEDBACK

On the day we introduced disc golf to 32 new players, gave away even more discs than that and received feedback from 14 people/groups.

The age of the adults ranged from 32 to 81 and the children from 6 to 15.



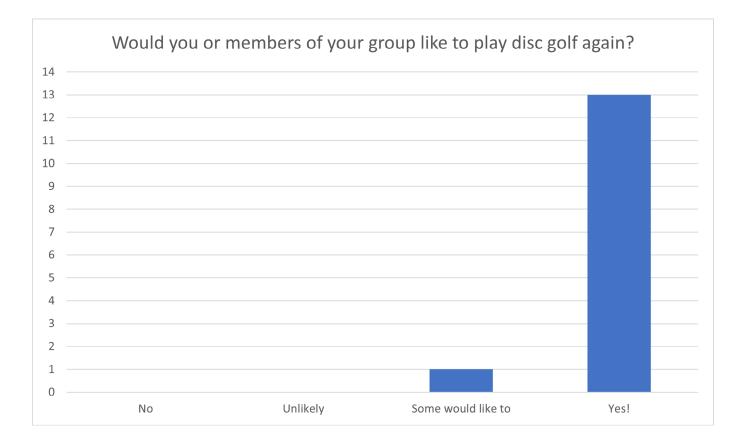
WHAT WAS THE BEST PART?

- Fun, fresh air and something new.
- A walk with the dogs and a game at the same time.
- Sinking a big putt.
- Learning about the skills involved.
- Tree hole learn more stuff. Very good.
- Learning a new activity, fresh air and being in our local park.
- Everything, it's great to get out and fun. Fergus our coach was extremely helpful.
- The shiny disc and the great coaching.
- Tuition was good. A fun way to spend an hour or so.
- Learning what the sport involves and bein outside doing something new.
- Meeting people, having fun.
- Everything.
- Throwing the disc.

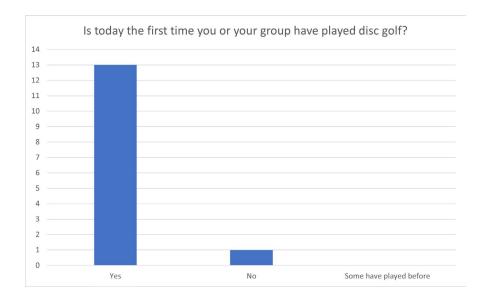
HOW COULD WE IMPROVE THE NEXT EVENT?

- All very good. Less wind would help.
- No improvement needed.
- Nothing everything was perfect.
- Not nescessary. PS Peter was great.
- No improvement needed.
- Not sure TBH.
- Increase the temptature.
- Refreshments! :D
- Tuck shop.

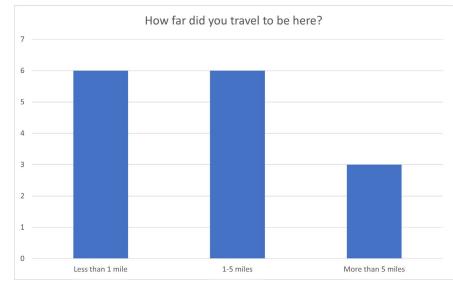














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- The Friends of Rosshall Park, in particular Nancy and Marie.
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